

It is named in honor of its co-discoverer, Ing. Fernando de Zayas, entomologist in the employ of the Cuban government.

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A NEW SPIRAXIS FROM GUATEMALA

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Among many minute land snails collected by Paul F. Basch in eastern Guatemala are three specimens of an elegant and undescribed species of *Spiraxis*. Characters of the shell suggest that it belongs in the subgenus *Pseudosubulina*.

SPIRAXIS (PSEUDOSUBULINA) SPLENDENS, new species Pl. 12, fig. 4

Shell turrite, silvery white, translucent, costate; whorls $10\frac{5}{8}$, shouldered, slowly increasing in size, with deep, crenulate suture; embryonic whorls 2, first whorl very low and smooth, second whorl much wider; first half turn of embryonic whorls smooth, the following half turn gradually acquiring ribs which become more distinct and continuous with ribbing on following whorls; later whorls quite short, gradually increasing in size, with ribs crested at the suture; ribs continuous across whorls, narrower, and higher near upper suture, but otherwise of equal width throughout their length; first neanic whorl with 46 ribs; fifth whorl with 27; penultimate whorl with 36; surface of whorls with weak striations parallel to ribs; very fine spiral sculpture evident under high magnification; aperture elliptic-trapezoidal; peristome simple, thin, slightly sigmoid; columella slightly sigmoid, truncate, slightly thickened.

Altitude, 7.58 mm.; diameter, 1.96 mm.; altitude last whorl, 1.13 mm.; altitude of aperture, 1.46 mm.; diameter of aperture, 1.12 mm.

Holotype: Univ. Mich. Mus. Zool. 195985; Coban-Sebol Road, 55 miles northeast of Coban, Guatemala; collected by Paul F. Basch, May 6, 1956. Paratypes: UMMZ. 195986 (2); same data as the holotype.

S. splendens resembles *S. irregularis* (Pilsbry) and even more, *S. irregularis negligens* H. B. Baker. It may be distinguished from these two forms by its more slender, less tapering shape. There are also fewer ribs on the last whorl, and the ribs are higher and stronger.